

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 07-0763

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Welch, Young, Kraft, Holton, Crider, Clarke,
Reisinger, Harris, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers D’Adamo, Curran, Spector,
Conaway, Mitchell

Introduced and read first time: August 13, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: November 26, 2007

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 City Property – Naming Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 RA44 SQM40 Fire Station, located at
2 3906 Liberty Heights Avenue, the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station

3 FOR the purpose of naming Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 RA44 SQM40 Fire Station, located at 3906
4 Liberty Heights Avenue, the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station.

5 BY authority of

6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
7 Section 20-2
8 Baltimore City Code
9 (Edition 2000)

10 Recitals

11 Reverend Dr. Marion C. Bascom was appointed Baltimore City’s first African
12 American Fire Commissioner, in 1968. In 1946, Reverend Bascom earned his
13 college degree in English, from Florida Memorial College. He also served as
14 pastor of Shiloh Baptist and First Baptist Church, both in Pensacola, Florida. In
15 1948, he earned his Bachelor’s of Divinity degree from Howard University, and
16 the following year he began his 46-year tenure at Douglas Memorial Community
17 Church, in Baltimore.

18 While at Douglas, Reverend Bascom demonstrated his strong leadership skills in
19 the pulpit, as well as in the community. In 1962, he created “Camp Farthest Out,”
20 an overnight summer camp for underprivileged children. In 1963, he participated
21 in the Gwyn Oak Park Demonstration, a protest that led to the desegregation of
22 Baltimore’s amusement parks, and under his leadership and direction, calm was
23 restored to the City after the disturbances that followed Martin Luther King’s
24 assassination. In 1970, he received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree
25 from his alma mater, Florida Memorial College. Reverend Bascom also founded
26 the Association of Black Charities, an umbrella organization of the United Way.
27 His commitment to the community includes the development of Douglas Village,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 a 49-unit apartment complex, the Douglas Memorial Federal Credit Union, and a
2 “Meals-on-Wheels” program for the sick and elderly.

3 After his retirement from Douglas Memorial, in 1995, Reverend Bascom served
4 as the interim Director of Morgan University’s Christian Center. He has received
5 numerous awards for his civic and community leadership and is a member of the
6 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the National Council of Community
7 Churches, and the Baltimore Hospitals Commission Board.

8 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
9 Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 ~~RA44~~ SQM40 Fire Station, located at 3906 Liberty Heights Avenue, is
10 named the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station.

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
12 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City